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- Samuel sought God and became the leader of Israel.  
**HE HEARD GOD'S WORDS AND REPEATED THEM. PLAIN AND SIMPLE**
- The people beg for a king, so God gave them what they wanted.  
**ARK + DAGON / CAN'T CONTROL YHWH •• DON'T SETTLE FOR WHAT YOU WANT!**
- King Saul only once used his power to rescue others.
- Saul pursued his own interests and lost everything.  
**JONATHAN, GOD CAN, MAYBE HE WILL, LET'S GO.**
- David pursued God, and God promised the kingdom to him.  
**MERCY!! - GOD TOOK EVERYTHING FROM SAUL, GAVE IT TO DAVID, AND THEN SENT DAVID TO SERVE SAUL**
- David & Goliath  
**"WITHOUT A SWORD" • THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S • TODAY: WRONG BATTLES, WRONG WEAPONS, WRONG REASONS**
- Saul tries to kill David, but David keeps winning.  
**JEALOUS OR JOIN • RELATE TO HARDSHIP, FOOLS? • POWER? BLAME? VIOLENCE?**
- David fails and repents, but Saul fails and doubles-down; and dies.  
**WITCH OF ENDOR**
- David starts the kingdom with grace and peace.  
**MEPHIBOSHETH • CALLING SAUL'S FAMILY BROTHERS • BLESSING OTHERS • BUT ALSO WOMEN: \_\_MICHAL\_\_**
- David starts the kingdom with devotion to God.  
**ARK • DO I SAVE GOD OR DOES GOD SAVE ME? • DOES GOD HONOR ME, OR DO I HONOR GOD?**
- God makes a new covenant with David.  
**RECEIVE IT, TRUST IT, LIVE IT**
- David repeatedly loses focus on God, bringing disaster, then repents, and God restores.  
**BATHSHEBA, TAMAR, ABSALOM • LEADERSHIP CHAIN OF COMMAND • GOD → LEADER → BLESSING  
•• PURSUING GOD MEANS PURSUING JUSTICE AND MERCY ••**

## Take it Home

What kind of people should we be?

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